

Application No. 10/532,900
Amendment Dated March 27, 2008
Reply to Office Action of December 27, 2007

Attorney Docket No. **6700-85315**

REMARKS

In the Office Action of December 27, 2007, the Examiner objected to the drawings. A replacement set of formal drawings with labeled boxes is attached hereto.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 6, and 11 under 35 U.S.C.112, and claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C.102(b) as anticipated by US 5245461 to Fitzmartin. The Examiner also rejected Claims 6-8 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Epworth et al. in view of Fitzmartinn, and claims 11-13 and 16 as unpatentable over Kikushima's US 5896216 in view of Fitzmartin.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 4-5, 9-10, and 14-15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 4-5, 9-10 and 14-15 are amended as suggested by the Examiner. Claim 16 is amended to change the dependency, and a new claim 17 is added, which corresponds to claim 16. Both claims 16 and 17 are dependent on allowable claims and should be allowed.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition of allowance. Prompt Notice of Allowance is respectfully and earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required in connection with this correspondence, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

Respectfully submitted,

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